

## **2017 Washington State Legislative Session Weekly Report Far West Agribusiness Association March 17, 2017**

March 13 marked the start of the 10th week of the 2017 Washington State Legislative session. Following the previous week's House of Origin cutoff, legislators returned to the committee process holding public hearings to begin consideration of bills voted out of the opposite chamber. This Associated Press [article](#) takes a look at high profile bills that are dead or alive at this point in session.

### **Looking Ahead**

The next deadline is policy committee cutoff on March 29. This is the last day for policy committees to pass out bills from the opposite chamber. Immediately following will be the fiscal committee deadline of April 4. It is still important to keep in mind that any bill deemed NTIB (necessary to implement the budget) can be exempt from these cut off deadlines. It is also important to note that "dead" bills can be brought back to life through either extraordinary procedural maneuvers or creative amendments on other bills moving through the process.

### **Levy Cliff Bill Signed by Governor Inslee**

The Associated Press reported in this [article](#) about Governor Inslee's (D) signing of [ESB 5023](#) into law. The bill delays the "levy cliff," which is a reduction in the amount of money that may be collected by school districts through locally approved supplemental property levies. The "levy cliff" is currently scheduled to take effect in January 2018. Whether or not this legislation will be necessary in order for school districts to maintain budget stability won't be determined until completion of the 2017-19 budget negotiations when K-12 education funding is settled.

### **Budget Negotiations Update - Special Session Likely**

Legislators are now deep into this session's budget process identifying and negotiating priorities for the 2017-19 biennium operating, transportation and capital budgets. Odd-year sessions in Washington State last 45 days longer than even year sessions in order provide additional time for the biennial budget process. However, even with this extra time allotted, it has been standard practice in Olympia over the past seven years to use one or more 30-day special sessions in order to complete budget work, as noted in this *Spokesman Review* [blog](#). Only the governor can call a special session, but he can call as many as needed. Each special session lasts 30 days and the governor determines when each special session begins.

### **Budget Forecast Released**

On March 16 Washington State's quarterly [revenue forecast](#) was released. The forecast is used to provide legislators with an updated and more precise accounting of dollars available for spending. Overall, the forecasted revenue for the current 2015-17 biennium was increased by \$247 million to \$38.227 billion, an increase of 13.5% over the 2013-15 biennium. The increase is primarily due to growth in retail sales tax and real estate excise tax (REET) collections. For the 2017-19 biennium, forecasted revenue was

increased by \$303 million to \$40.817 billion, which is 6.8% more than the 2015-17 biennium. Again, the increase is due primarily to retail sales tax and REET collections. For the 2019-21 biennium, the General Fund revenue is expected to be \$43.842 billion (\$186 million more than projected in November and 7.4% more than forecasted in the 2017-19 biennial review).

Unfortunately, these significant bumps in revenue will not be enough to cover both program maintenance level increases and full funding of K-12 basic education as mandated by the Washington State Supreme Court's McCleary *decision*. After the forecast's release, Senate Ways & Means Chair Sen. Braun (R-Centralia) stated he remains confident no new revenue sources will be required to balance the 2017-19 biennium budgets. House Appropriations Chair Rep. Ormsby (D-Spokane) was just as firm that a new revenue source would be required to meet the state's 2017-19 biennium budget needs.

## **2017-2019 Budgets Released Soon**

It is anticipated that the Senate Republican 2017-19 operating, transportation and capital budget proposals will be released the week of March 20. All eyes will be on the education funding proposal to see how the Senate plans to fully fund K-12 basic education by 2018 in order to meet the McCleary *decision* requirements. It is expected that House Democrats will release their budget proposals the following week.

## **New Revenue Sources**

### *Carbon Tax*

There was a work session on the Clean Air Rule on March 13. During the session, replacing the Clean Air Rule with a cap on carbon emissions was considered as reported in this KUOW [news story](#). It should be noted that the governor included a carbon tax proposal with the release of his 2017-19 biennium budget proposals. On March 14, [HB 1646](#) had a public hearing in the House Environment Committee. Among other things, the legislation creates a carbon tax of \$15 per ton of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions from fossil fuels and electricity. Republican lawmakers continue to emphasize they would not support implementation of a carbon tax to assist with funding of the 2017-19 biennium budgets, as noted in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#).

### *Personal Data Taxes*

This *Geekwire* [article](#) discusses legislation ([2SHB 1904](#)) that proposes a 3.3% Business & Occupation tax on gross receipts from the sale of Washington State residents' personal data. The bill was passed out of the House Finance Committee on March 14.

### *Bipartisan Tax Court*

On March 16 there was a public hearing on [SB 5866](#) that would create a Washington State tax court. The legislation eliminates the Board of Tax Appeals in the executive branch. It replaces this with a tax court to hear appeals of excise taxes, property taxes, estate taxes, and adverse rulings from a tax authority or the superior court.

## **Local Government - Hirst decision**

Two bills introduced to address the October 2016 Washington State Supreme Court *Hirst decision* are still alive this session, as noted in this *Washington State Wire* [blog](#). The Washington State Supreme Court in *Hirst* held that counties have the responsibility under the Growth Management Act to make determinations of water availability for development permit approval and cannot defer to the Department of Ecology. To ensure that adequate water is available to support development, [E2SSB 5239](#) passed out of the Senate on February 28 with a 28-21 vote. In the House, [HB 1885](#) modifies regulation

and mitigation of water resources provisions with regard to the roles of state and local governments. HB 1885 is awaiting further action in House Appropriations.

## **Health Care**

### *Affordable Care Act Update*

As noted by *US News* [here](#), Governor Inslee has stated that proposed changes to the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) would negatively impact Washington State. Estimates now show that 600,000 Washington State citizens would lose insurance and another 100,000 would drop out of the insurance marketplace if the new federal Republican proposal for health-care is passed and implemented, as noted in this *Seattle Times* [article](#). It is estimated that it would cost Washington State \$2.5 billion annually to pay for Medicaid coverage losses. However, as explained in this *Bellingham Herald* [article](#), these reductions would not occur until 2020. This means state lawmakers will not need to address this potential funding dilemma while negotiating the 2017-19 biennium budgets. But it is important to note that passage of the GOP health care proposal would include an immediate \$180 million reduction in federal revenue for Washington State's long-term care of the elderly and disabled.

## **Business & Labor**

### *Non-Compete Agreements*

This NPR [news piece](#) discussed legislation limiting the scope of non-compete agreements in Washington State. Last week, the House unanimously passed [EHB 1967](#) which, among other things, provides that if a court reforms an unreasonable noncompetition agreement, the party seeking to declare the agreement void is deemed the prevailing party under the agreement and in law. The legislation has a public hearing in Senate Commerce, Labor & Sports on March 23.

### *Small Business Bill of Rights*

[SB 5230](#) had a hearing on March 14 in the House State Government, Elections & Information Technology Committee. The intent of the legislation is to make it easier to run small businesses in Washington State. The bill has several executive sessions scheduled for the week of March 20.

### *Linking Tax Preferences to Employment Numbers*

This *Puget Sound Business Journal* [article](#) features legislation that would link aerospace industry tax preferences to aerospace job employment in Washington.

### *Washington Tourism Marketing Authority*

Due to revenue associated with [SHB 1123](#), it is still alive this session. The substitute version of the legislation directs 0.1% of retail sales taxes collected on lodging, car rentals and restaurants to fund the implementation of the Washington Tourism Marketing Authority (Authority). The purpose of the Authority is to develop a statewide tourism marketing plan.

## **State Government**

On March 15 the House passed [E2SHB 1661](#) with a 77-19 vote, as reported in this *Spokesman Review* [article](#). The governor's request legislation approves the creation of a new state Department of Children, Youth & Families. The legislation moves children and family services out of the Department of Social & Health Services and places them into the newly created department consistent with the recommendation of a blue-ribbon commission.

## **K-12 Education**

Having passed the House with strong bipartisan support, [ESHB 1508](#) establishes the Washington Kids Ready to Learn Act. The legislation's seeks to ensure students are ready to learn through promoting school nutrition. It will have a public hearing on March 21 in Senate Early Learning & K-12 Education.

## **Marijuana**

US Attorney General Jeff Sessions has indicated he may begin enforcing federal laws in states that have legalized recreational marijuana, as noted in this *Crosscut* [feature](#). Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson (D) stated that, if necessary, he intends to fight the federal government on cannabis enforcement.

## **Far West Agribusiness Association**

### **Upcoming Legislative Events**

#### **Agriculture, Water, Trade & Economic Development (Senate) - SHR 1, JACB - 3/21 @ 8:00am**

- E2SHB 1562 - Public Hearing - Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

#### **Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 3/21 @ 8:00am**

- 2SSB 5285 - Exec Session - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

#### **State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/21 @ 9:00am**

- SB 5230 - Exec Session - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/21 @ 10:00am**

- ESSB 5263 - Exec Session - Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

#### **Agriculture & Natural Resources (House) - HHR B, JLOB - 3/22 @ 8:00am**

- SSB 5051 - Exec Session - Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

#### **Judiciary (House) - HHR A, JLOB - 3/22 @ 8:00am**

- ESSB 5808 - Public Hearing - Concerning agritourism.

## Higher Education (House) - HHR D, JLOB - 3/22 @ 1:30pm

- 2SSB 5285 - Exec Session - Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

## State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/22 @ 1:30pm

- SB 5230 - Exec Session - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

## State Government, Elections & Information Technology (House) - HHR E, JLOB - 3/24 @ 10:00am

- SB 5230 - Exec Session - Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

## High Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<b>Family &amp; med leave insurance</b> Implementing family and medical leave insurance.	H Rules R	Robinson	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>SHB 1116</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(SB 5032)</u></a>  <i>Sponsors:</i> Robinson (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Reeves, Riccelli, Santos, Sells, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie  <i>Summary:</i>			
<b>Product labeling tax incent.</b> Providing a tax incentive for the labeling of products.	H Ag & Nat Res	Taylor	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 1245</u></a>  <i>Summary:</i> Provides a tax credit, in computing business and occupation taxes, of ten thousand dollars per product line per taxable year for a person who voluntarily labels a line of products: (1) For food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced through bioengineering or genetically engineered; (2) For food offered for retail sale in the state that has not been bioengineered or genetically engineered; and (3) For an agricultural product or food offered for retail sale in the state if it is or may have been produced outside of the United States.			
<b>Pesticide exposure</b> Concerning pesticide exposure and notification of certain pesticide applications.	H HC/Wellness	Ortiz-Self	Oppose
<a href="#"><u>HB 1564</u></a>  <i>Sponsors:</i> Ortiz-Self (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sells, Stonier  <i>Summary:</i> Requires a person who applies, or causes to be applied, pesticides by aerial application, air-blast sprayer, or fumigation, to provide written notice of an intended pesticide application to a person who owns, manages, or controls property adjacent to the property of intended pesticide application.			

**Hazard. substance possession** H Rules R Peterson Concerns  
Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[HB 1663](#)  
(SB 5501)

*Sponsors:* Peterson (Prime), Fitzgibbon, Macri, Pollet

*Summary:* Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

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**Crew size on certain trains** H Rules R Farrell Oppose  
Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[HB 1669](#)  
(SB 5846)

*Sponsors:* Farrell (Prime), Barkis, Bergquist, Blake, Chandler, Chapman, Doglio, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Holy, Hudgins, Irwin, Jinkins, Johnson, Koster, Lovick, Lytton, MacEwen, Macri, McBride, McCaslin, Muri, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Rodne, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stambaugh, Stanford, Stokesbary, Stonier, Tarleton, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox, Wylie, Young

*Summary:* Regulates minimum railroad crew staffing on trains carrying freight or passengers and trains transporting hazardous materials.

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**Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax** H Finance Schmick Support  
Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

[HB 1916](#)  
(SB 5786)

*Sponsors:* Schmick (Prime), Blake, Buys, Dye, Haler, Jenkin, Nealey

*Summary:* Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for wholesale sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed by an eligible distributor to an eligible retailer.

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**Hazard. substance possession** S Energy, Enviro Carlyle Concerns  
Concerning imposing a surtax on the possession of hazardous substances.

[SB 5501](#)  
(HB 1663)

*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Chase, Frockt, Hunt, Liias, Rolfes

*Summary:* Revises the model toxics control act to impose a surtax on those persons who are subject to the hazardous substance tax.

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**Workers' compensation system** S 2nd Reading Baumgartner Support  
Improving workers' compensation system costs and administration and worker outcomes through modification of procedures for claims to self-insureds, clarification of recovery in third-party legal actions, clarification of occupational disease claims, and lowering age barriers for structured settlements.

[SB 5822](#)

*Sponsors:* Baumgartner (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Becker, Braun, Brown, Ericksen, Fain, Fortunato, Hawkins, Honeyford, King, O'Ban, Padden, Rivers, Rossi, Schoesler, Sheldon, Short, Walsh, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger

*Summary:* Revises the state industrial insurance act. Adopts a series of targeted reforms to address the costs and administration of workers' compensation. Clarifies the standards for occupational disease coverage and provides injured workers with a clear time period in which an occupational disease claim must be filed. Reduces the age restriction originally placed upon eligibility for the program. States that in light of certain developments and to align with past recommendations of the

joint legislative audit and review committee, the legislature intends that the department of labor and industries' role in the management of claims by self-insured employers transition from readjudication to accountability oversight, first with respect to the allowance and denial of claims and by January 1, 2019, with respect to all claims management decisions.

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## Medium Priority Bills

<u>Bill Details</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Position</u>
<p><b>Ecology rules/peer review</b> Establishing a peer review process to ensure robust economic analysis of department of ecology administrative rules.</p>	H Environment	Shea	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1014</u></a></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Shea (Prime), Buys, Haler, Holy, McCaslin, Pike, Short, Taylor, Young</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Before making available a preliminary cost-benefit analysis or finalizing a small business economic impact statement, solicit peer review of the draft economic analyses by qualified professionals; and (2) Incorporate both the optimistic and pessimistic economic impact scenarios into the final cost-benefit analysis. Prohibits the department of ecology from adopting a rule whose probable benefits are less than its probable costs.</p>			
<p><b>School levy lid revs./delay</b> Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid.</p>	S Ways & Means	Lytton	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1059</u></a> <a href="#"><u>(ESB 5023)</u></a></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Lytton (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Cody, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Ormsby, Pollet, Senn, Sullivan, Tarleton</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2018 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.</p>			
<p><b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b> Amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science.</p>	H Rules C	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>2SHB 1144</u></a></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Fitzgibbon (Prime), Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Ryu, Stanford, Tarleton</p> <p><i>Summary:</i></p>			
<p><b>State estate tax, repealing</b> Repealing the state estate tax.</p>	H Finance	Young	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>HB 1206</u></a></p> <p><i>Sponsors:</i> Young (Prime), McCaslin, Muri, Shea, Taylor, Walsh</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Repeals the state estate tax.</p>			
<p><b>Job applicants/arrests, etc.</b> Prohibiting employers from asking about arrests or convictions before an applicant is determined otherwise qualified for a position.</p>	S Com/Labor/Sport	Ortiz-Self	Neutral
<p><a href="#"><u>SHB 1298</u></a></p>			

*Sponsors:* Ortiz-Self (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Farrell, Frame, Gregerson, Haler, Jinkins, Kagi, Kilduff, Lovick, Manweller, McBride, Ormsby, Santos, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Tarleton, Young

*Summary:*

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<b>Employee antiretaliation</b>	H Approps	Ryu	Neutral
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Concerning the employee antiretaliation act.

[HB 1301](#)  
**(SB 5528)**

*Sponsors:* Ryu (Prime), Farrell, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Peterson, Pollet, Santos, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton

*Summary:* Addresses retaliation and discrimination against employees and providing protection for employees.

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<b>Wage violations, damages for</b>	H Rules R	Frame	Neutral
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Providing damages for wage violations.

[HB 1302](#)

*Sponsors:* Frame (Prime), Farrell, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Macri, Ormsby, Peterson, Ryu, Santos, Stanford

*Summary:* Increases the penalty for certain wage violations.

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<b>Small business owners</b>	S Rules 2	Barkis	Neutral
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

*Sponsors:* Barkis (Prime), Blake, Caldier, Chapman, Cody, Condotta, Haler, Harmsworth, Harris, Hayes, Holy, Jinkins, Kilduff, Kirby, Koster, Kretz, Lytton, MacEwen, Manweller, McCabe, Muri, Nealey, Orcutt, Pike, Schmick, Shea, Short, Smith, Springer, Steele, Stokesbary, Tarleton, Taylor, Tharinger, Vick, Walsh, Wilcox

[HB 1352](#)  
**(SB 5230)**

*Summary:* Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

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<b>Workforce study/ag., etc.</b>	H Approps	Tarleton	Neutral
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Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

[SHB 1404](#)  
**(2SSB 5285)**

*Sponsors:* Tarleton (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Santos, Sells, Stambaugh, Stanford, Van Werven, Wilcox

*Summary:* Requires the workforce training and education coordinating board to conduct a workforce assessment for the agriculture, natural resources, and environment sectors to: (1) Assess the available data on current and projected employment levels and hiring demand for skilled mid-level workers in those sectors; and (2) Assess the food and fiber processing jobs.

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[HB 1453](#)

<b>Agriculture science ed.</b>	H Education	Blake	Neutral
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**(SB 5318)** Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

*Sponsors:* Blake (Prime), Chandler, Haler, Hayes, Kretz, Lytton, Santos, Stanford, Tarleton

*Summary:* Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

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<b>Tax exemptions</b>	H Finance	Pollet	Neutral
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Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

*Sponsors:* Pollet (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kagi, Kirby, Kloba, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pellicciotti, Peterson, Pettigrew, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sells, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton, Tharinger, Wylie

[\*\*HB 1500\*\*](#)

**(SB 5513)**

*Summary:* Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

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<b>Carbon pollution tax</b>	H Finance	Lytton	Neutral
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Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

[\*\*HB 1555\*\*](#)

**(SB 5127)**

*Sponsors:* Lytton (Prime), Doglio

*Summary:* Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

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<b>WA food policy forum</b>	S Ag/Water/Trade	Gregerson	Neutral
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Continuing the work of the Washington food policy forum.

*Sponsors:* Gregerson (Prime), Bergquist, Cody, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Hudgins, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Peterson, Pike, Pollet, Riccelli, Ryu, Santos, Sawyer, Senn, Slatter, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger

[\*\*E2SHB 1562\*\*](#)

*Summary:* Establishes the Washington food policy forum, as a public-private partnership, and requires the forum to: (1) Increase the direct marketing sales of local farm products; (2) Reduce food insecurity in the state; (3) Identify opportunities to improve coordination between local food policy councils and state and federal agencies; and (4) Identify rules and regulations impeding the viability of small acreage agriculture. Gives responsibility to the directors of the state conservation commission and the department of agriculture for appointing participating members of the forum. Expires July 1, 2019.

Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.

[HB 1646](#)  
[\(SB 5509\)](#)

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<b>Carbon tax</b>	H Environment	Fitzgibbon	Neutral
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Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

*Sponsors:* Fitzgibbon (Prime), Appleton, Cody, Doglio, Fey, Goodman, Jinkins, Macri, McBride, Pollet

*Summary:* Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

[SHB 1692](#)

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<b>Agriculture and farming</b>	H Rules C	Buys	Neutral
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Concerning agriculture and farming.

*Sponsors:* Buys (Prime), Blake, Chapman, Condotta, Fitzgibbon, Lytton, Sawyer, Stanford, Vick

*Summary:* Addresses marijuana, useable marijuana, and marijuana-infused products with regard to agricultural activities and forest practices; farm products; business and occupation taxes; unemployment compensation; and overtime laws found in chapter 49.46 RCW (the minimum wage act).

[HB 1730](#)  
[\(SB 5111\)](#)

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<b>Capital gains excise tax</b>	H Finance	Jinkins	Neutral
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Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

*Sponsors:* Jinkins (Prime), Appleton, Fey, Frame, Pollet, Tarleton, Tharinger

*Summary:* Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.

[HB 1744](#)

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<b>Perfluorinated chemicals</b>	H Environment	McBride	Neutral
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Concerning the use of perfluorinated chemicals in food packaging.

*Sponsors:* McBride (Prime), Fey, Goodman, Kilduff, Kirby, Macri, Ortiz-Self

*Summary:* Prohibits a manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer from manufacturing, knowingly selling, offering for sale, distributing for sale, or distributing for use in this state food packaging to which perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl chemicals have been intentionally added in any amount.

[HB 1806](#)

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<b>Crimes by corporations</b>	S Law & Justice	Pellicciotti	Neutral
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Increasing monetary penalties for crimes committed by corporations.

*Sponsors:* Pellicciotti (Prime), Appleton, Bergquist, Chapman, Clibborn, Doglio, Dolan, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Frame, Goodman, Gregerson, Hudgins, Jinkins, Kilduff, Lovick, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Orwall, Pettigrew, Pollet, Riccelli, Robinson, Ryu, Sawyer, Sells, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tharinger, Wylie

*Summary:* Addresses the penalties imposed for criminal offenses by corporations.

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**Basic education program**

S Ways & Means

Sullivan

Neutral

Fulfilling the state's paramount duty for all children through equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions.

*Sponsors:* Sullivan (Prime), Appleton, Chapman, Doglio, Farrell, Fey, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Hudgins, Jinkins, Lytton, Macri, McBride, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Orwall, Pollet, Santos, Slatter, Springer, Tarleton, Tharinger

**ESHB 1843**  
**(SB 5623)**

*Summary:* HB 1843-S - DIGEST Addresses equitable and responsible investments in the state's basic education program and reductions to local effort contributions to fulfill the state's paramount duty for all children. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Convene a technical working group to provide recommendations for revising school district accounting practices for the purpose of improving fiscal transparency by establishing methods for separate accounting of school district expenditures made to support the state's program of basic education and those made as locally determined enrichments with local or other funding sources; and (2) Convene a work group to determine whether the funded enrollment percent for special education programs of twelve and seven-tenths should be adjusted. Establishes an accountability monitoring and reporting system as part of a continuing effort to make meaningful and substantial progress toward meeting long-term performance goals in K-12 education.

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**Capital gains excise tax**

H Finance

Pollet

Neutral

Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

*Sponsors:* Pollet (Prime), Santos

**HB 1926**

*Summary:* Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains. Allows a business and occupation tax deduction against a person's gross income of the business to the extent necessary to avoid taxing the same amounts under chapter 82.04 RCW and this act. Provides funding for the education legacy trust account.

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**Labor relations violations**

H Labor & Workpl

Ryu

Neutral

Disqualifying employers from tax credits and tax incentives when there have been certain violations of labor relations.

*Sponsors:* Ryu (Prime), Bergquist, Blake, Fitzgibbon, Goodman, Gregerson, Jinkins, Kloba, Ormsby, Ortiz-Self, Peterson, Pollet, Sawyer, Senn, Stanford, Stonier, Tarleton

**HB 1941**  
**(SB 5774)**

*Summary:* Prohibits a person from claiming a tax credit or benefit from a tax incentive if, within the previous five years from the date the person is claiming the tax credit or benefiting from the tax incentive, the national labor relations board or a court has issued a final order finding that the person engaged in certain unfair labor practices with regard to an employee supporting a union or engaging in lawful union activities.

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**HB 2020**

**Agritourism liability**

H Judiciary

Manweller

Neutral

Concerning limitations on liability for agritourism activities.

*Sponsors:* Manweller (Prime), Irwin

*Summary:* Requires an agritourism professional, in order to invoke the privilege of immunity, to post and maintain signs that contain a specific warning notice which must be placed at the entrance to the agritourism location and at the site of the agritourism activity.

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**Production-based comp. wages**

H Labor &  
Workpla

Blake

Neutral

Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.

*Sponsors:* Blake (Prime), Buys, Condotta, Dye, Springer, Steele

[HB 2049](#)  
(ESB 5720)

*Summary:* Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.

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**Food flavor products tax**

H Finance

Lytton

Neutral

Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

*Sponsors:* Lytton (Prime), Nealey

[HB 2089](#)  
(SB 5799)

*Summary:* Extends the July 1, 2017, expiration, of the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food, to January 1, 2028.

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**Rural food & forest products**

H Tech & Econ D

Walsh

Neutral

Encouraging the economic vitality of rural food and forest product businesses.

*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime), Barkis, Blake, Buys, Griffey, Haler, Kraft, MacEwen, Muri, Stambaugh, Van Werven

*Summary:* Requires the department of agriculture to: (1) Establish a pilot program to create an omnibus permitting process for businesses that process or engage in other value-added activities that involve: (a) Raw products of agriculture, fisheries, and aquaculture, including shellfish aquaculture; (b) food, food products, or cottage food products; (c) forest products; and (d) specialized forest products, processed cedar products, or specialty wood; and (2) Coordinate with the office of regulatory assistance and state agencies and local governments responsible for issuing each permit included in the omnibus permit, including the department of ecology, the department of health, and the relevant county. Prohibits the department from charging an additional fee for the use of the omnibus permitting process. Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Undertake a comprehensive analysis of common value-added food and forest product manufacturing processes that generate wastes; (2) Consult with the department of natural resources and the department of agriculture in identifying common food and forest product production processes and their associated wastes; and (3) When making grants or loans for water pollution control facilities, consider whether the project will support the viability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, or silviculture, and associated food or forest product processing. Requires the community economic revitalization board, when prioritizing each proposed public facilities project, to consider whether the project will support rural economic development by facilitating the long-term sustainability of local agriculture, aquaculture, fisheries, and silviculture, and associated food and forest product processing activities.

[HB 2133](#)

	<p><b>Water pollution permitting</b> Concerning equitable treatment in water pollution control permitting.</p>	<p>H Environment</p>	<p>Buys</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2140</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Buys (Prime), Chandler, Dent, Koster, Manweller, Shea, Taylor, Wilcox</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Addresses equitable treatment for penalties in pollutant discharge elimination permits that govern: (1) Operations of state and local government agencies; and (2) Agricultural and farm activities.</p>			
	<p><b>Water discharge permits</b> Requiring water discharge permits issued to sewerage systems to establish environmental protections that are at least as stringent as environmental protections required during agricultural activities.</p>	<p>H Environment</p>	<p>Buys</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 2141</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Buys (Prime), Chandler, Dent, Koster, Manweller, Schmick, Shea, Taylor, Van Werven</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires waste discharge permits issued by the department of ecology to have environmental protections and waste discharge standards that are at least as stringent as those required by the most recent concentrated animal feeding operations pollution discharge elimination permit.</p>			
	<p><b>Water banks/permanent avail.</b> Requiring certain water banks to replace leased water rights provided for mitigation with water rights that will be permanently available.</p>	<p>S Ag/Water/Trade&amp;</p>	<p>Honeyford</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 5002</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Honeyford (Prime)</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Requires a county-operated water bank that leases water rights to offer for mitigation to replace the rights with rights that will be permanently available for mitigation before the expiration of the lease.</p>			
	<p><b>Business corporation act</b> Concerning the business corporation act.</p>	<p>H Judiciary</p>	<p>Pedersen</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 5011</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Pedersen (Prime), Fain, Frockt, Kuderer, Padden</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> Revises the Washington business corporation act.</p>			
	<p><b>Schools/excess levies</b> Delaying implementation of revisions to the school levy lid. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Changing provisions relating to school district excess levies. )</p>	<p>C 6 L 17</p>	<p>Wellman</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><a href="#">ESB 5023</a> <a href="#">(SHB 1059)</a></p>	<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Wellman (Prime), Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Lias, McCoy, Mullet, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salda?a</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> SB 5023 - DIGEST Extends current statutory policies on local enrichment through calendar year 2019 to promote a school district's ability to plan for the future during the 2017 transition period.</p>			
<p><a href="#">SB 5032</a> <a href="#">(SHB 1116)</a></p>	<p><b>Family &amp; med leave insurance</b> Implementing family and medical leave insurance.</p>	<p>S Com/Labor/Spor</p>	<p>Keiser</p>	<p>Neutral</p>
<p><i>Sponsors:</i> Keiser (Prime), Billig, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt,</p>				

McCoy, Nelson, Palumbo, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes

*Summary:* Allows workers to: (1) Care for family members with a serious health condition or to recover from their own serious health condition; and (2) Deal with exigencies arising out of the military service of a family member. Requires the employment security department to: (1) Establish and administer a family and medical leave insurance program; and (2) Pay family and medical leave insurance benefits. Changes the name of the family leave insurance account to the family and medical leave insurance account.

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**State land lease provisions**

H Ag & Nat Res

Brown

Neutral

Concerning nondefault or early termination provisions in state land leases for agricultural or grazing purposes.

*Sponsors:* Brown (Prime), Becker, Honeyford, Schoesler, Warnick

[SSB 5051](#)

*Summary:* Requires a nondefault or early termination provision included in a state land lease for agricultural or grazing purposes to: (1) Require advance written notice of at least one hundred eighty days by the department of natural resources to the lessee before termination of the lease; and (2) Require the department to provide written documentation to the lessee demonstrating that the department has included the leased land in a plan for higher and better use, land exchange, or sale.

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**Capital gains excise tax**

S 2nd Reading

Braun

Neutral

Enacting an excise tax on capital gains to improve the fairness of Washington's tax system and provide funding for the education legacy trust account.

*Sponsors:* Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

[SB 5111](#)  
(HB 1730)

*Summary:* Provides funding for the education legacy trust account. Imposes a tax on individuals for the privilege of: (1) Selling or exchanging long-term capital assets; or (2) Receiving Washington capital gains.

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**Carbon pollution tax**

S 2nd Reading

Braun

Neutral

Establishing a carbon pollution tax and investment program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, facilitate the transition to a clean energy economy, and invest in K-12 education and other vital public services.

*Sponsors:* Braun (Prime), Hunt, Ranker

[SB 5127](#)  
(HB 1555)

*Summary:* Establishes the carbon pollution tax and investment act. Imposes a carbon pollution tax on: (1) The sale or use of fossil fuels, including fossil fuels used in generating electricity; or (2) The sale or consumption of electricity generated through the combustion of fossil fuels. Creates the carbon pollution reduction account and the carbon reduction investment fund.

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**Paid family leave**

S  
Com/Labor/Spor

Fain

Neutral

Addressing paid family leave.

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Hobbs, Miloscia, Palumbo, Rivers, Walsh, Warnick, Zeiger

[SB 5149](#)

*Summary:* Provides family leave benefits to certain employees and those employees continue to be eligible for the benefits during employment with a covered employer. Requires the employment security department to administer family leave provisions.

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[SSB 5208](#)

**Rural jobs**

S Ways & Means

Warnick

Neutral

**(SHB 1422)** Creating the Washington rural jobs act.

*Sponsors:* Warnick (Prime), Brown, Dandel, Hawkins, Mullet, Saldaña, Schoesler, Takko, Wellman

*Summary:* Establishes the Washington rural jobs act. Requires the department of commerce to: (1) Accept applications for approval as a rural growth fund; (2) Once the fund is fully funded, issue a tax credit certificate to each investor whose affidavit was included in the application specifying the amount of the investor's credit-eligible capital contribution; and (3) Provide a copy of the certificates to the office of the insurance commissioner for investors earning tax credits eligible for use against insurance premium or retaliatory taxes and to the department of revenue for investors earning tax credits eligible for use against business and occupation taxes. Allows a tax credit, for persons that made a credit-eligible capital contribution to a rural growth fund and were issued a tax credit certificate, and allows the credit to be claimed against business and occupation taxes, insurance premium taxes, and retaliatory taxes. Creates the rural job creation account. Provides a July 1, 2023, contingent expiration date.

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<b>Small business owners</b>	H State Govt, Ele	Wilson	Neutral
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Concerning licensing and regulatory requirements of small business owners.

*Sponsors:* Wilson (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Baumgartner, Becker, Braun, Brown, Chase, Hasegawa, Hawkins, Hobbs, Keiser, King, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Padden, Palumbo, Sheldon, Takko, Walsh, Warnick

**SB 5230**  
**(HB 1352)**

*Summary:* Requires the attorney general to review the administrative procedure act, as well as related administrative rules, similar statutes, and case law, to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners selected for agency enforcement actions including inspections, audits, site visits, or record review. Requires the department of agriculture, department of ecology, employment security department, department of labor and industries, department of revenue, and state fire marshal to: (1) Review provisions of their governing statutes, administrative rules, policy statements, guidance, and directives to identify the current rights and protections afforded to small business owners that are selected for inspection, audit, or other enforcement action by the agency; and (2) No later than August 31, 2017, provide the attorney general with certain information. Expires December 31, 2017.

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<b>Seeds, agency procurement of</b>	H Ag & Nat Res	Warnick	Neutral
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Concerning the procurement of seeds by state agencies.

*Sponsors:* Warnick (Prime)

**ESSB 5263**

*Summary:* SB 5263-S - DIGEST Requires agencies, when purchasing seed through a contract that is over two thousand five hundred dollars in value, to require suppliers of the seed to ensure the identity and purity of the seed through appropriate testing performed by the department of agriculture or certain other agencies to ensure the identity and purity of the seed.

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<b>Workforce study/ag., etc.</b>	H Hi Ed	Wilson	Neutral
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Conducting a workforce study of employment opportunities in the agriculture, environment, outdoor recreation, and natural resources economic sectors intended to provide educators with the information needed for informing students about employment opportunities in the studied fields.

**2SSB 5285**  
**(SHB 1404)**

*Sponsors:* Wilson (Prime), Palumbo

*Summary:*

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<b><u>SB 5298</u></b>	<b>Levy auth/local eff assist</b>	S Ways & Means	Ranker	Neutral
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Lowering the levy authority and local effort assistance.

*Sponsors:* Ranker (Prime)

*Summary:* Lowers the levy authority and local effort assistance.

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<b>Agriculture science ed.</b>	S Ways & Means	Hunt	Neutral
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Promoting agriculture science education in schools.

*Sponsors:* Hunt (Prime), Bailey, Brown, Conway, Rolfes, Takko, Warnick

[SB 5318](#)  
(HB 1453)

*Summary:* Creates the agriculture science education grant program. Requires the superintendent of public instruction to: (1) Designate one or more high schools to serve as resources and examples of how to combine an interdisciplinary curriculum for agriculture science education with a strong focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and an active partnership with businesses and the local community to connect learning beyond the classroom; and (2) Establish and publish funding criteria for agriculture science education equipment and professional development grants to school districts. Creates the curriculum for agriculture science education lighthouse account.

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<b>Carbon pollution tax</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Hobbs	Neutral
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Creating a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax.

*Sponsors:* Hobbs (Prime), Hunt

[SB 5385](#)

*Summary:* Imposes a fossil fuel carbon pollution tax, at the time of the first taxable event and upon the first taxable person within the state, on the carbon content of fossil fuels extracted, manufactured, or introduced into the state equal to fifteen dollars per metric ton of carbon dioxide. Requires the department of revenue to: (1) Calculate the carbon content of fossil fuels, in consultation with the department of ecology; and (2) If practical, integrate the administration and collection of the fossil fuel carbon pollution taxes with the administration and collection of other taxes imposed on the taxpayer. Exempts certain fossil fuels from the tax. Creates the carbon pollution revenues account. Requires at least fifty percent of the funds transferred to the multimodal transportation account from the carbon pollution revenues account to be expended to assist certain school district programs.

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<b>Greenhouse gas emissions</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Chase	Neutral
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Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

[SB 5421](#)

*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Salda?a

*Summary:* Requires the state to limit emissions of greenhouse gases to reduce, by 2025, overall emissions of greenhouse gases in the state to twenty percent below 1990 levels.

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<b>Workplace bullying</b>	S Com/Labor/Spor	Chase	Neutral
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Addressing workplace bullying by making it an unfair practice to subject an employee to an abusive work environment.

[SB 5423](#)

*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Kuderer, Salda?a

*Summary:* Revises the state civil rights act to provide: (1) Legal recourse for employees who have been harmed by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and (2) Legal incentives for employers to prevent and respond to mistreatment of employees at work.

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[SB 5509](#)

<b>Carbon tax</b>	S Energy, Enviro	Carlyle	Neutral
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**(HB 1646)** Promoting an equitable clean energy economy by creating a carbon tax that allows investment in clean energy, clean air, healthy forests, and Washington's communities.

*Sponsors:* Carlyle (Prime), Frockt, Hunt, Ranker, Saldaña

*Summary:* Creates a carbon pollution mitigation tax on fossil fuel emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to global climate change. Creates the carbon program oversight board to oversee implementation of this act and advise the governor on the achievement of greenhouse gas emission reductions. Creates an economic and environmental justice oversight panel as a joint body between the office of the governor, the department of ecology, and the department of health. Requires the department of revenue to establish and administer a low-income carbon pollution mitigation tax grant for state residents to assist in the equitable transition to lower carbon emission energy sources. Involves the following in some role regarding the imposition of the carbon tax: The department of ecology, the department of revenue, the department of commerce, the department of health, the Washington State University extension energy office, the recreation and conservation office, the office of the attorney general, and other state agencies with control of expenditures of carbon pollution mitigation tax receipts. Creates the clean energy account, the clean water climate program account, the sustainable forest health account, the carbon reduction investment fund, the sustainable infrastructure fund, and the equitable transition fund.

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<b>Tax exemptions</b>	S Ways & Means	Frockt	Neutral
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Increasing tax exemption transparency and accountability.

*Sponsors:* Frockt (Prime), Billig, Chase, Conway, Darneille, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, McCoy, Miloscia, Rolfes, Saldaña, Wellman

**SB 5513**  
**(HB 1500)**

*Summary:* Establishes the tax exemption transparency and accountability act. Creates a tax expenditure budget as part of the biennial budget adopted by the legislature. Reforms the tax expenditure process by including tax expenditures in a tax expenditure budget in the biennial state budget process and requires they be readopted every two years as part of the budget process or they expire. Requires the department of revenue to prepare a tax expenditure budget. Requires the joint legislative audit and review committee to report its findings and recommendations for scheduled tax expenditures to the citizen commission for performance measurement of tax expenditures by June 30th of each year.

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<b>Vehicle taxation</b>	S Transportation	Fortunato	Neutral
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Concerning vehicle taxation.

**SB 5564**

*Sponsors:* Fortunato (Prime), Hawkins, King, O'Ban

*Summary:* Modifies provisions relating to vehicle taxation.

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<b>Foreign national ownership</b>	S State Governme	Billig	Neutral
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Concerning certification of the level of foreign national ownership for corporations that participate in Washington state elections.

**SB 5570**

*Sponsors:* Billig (Prime), Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Miloscia, Rolfes, Zeiger

*Summary:* Requires each treasurer, candidate, and political committee to include the following in the report they file with the public disclosure commission: A certification from each corporation making a contribution to the candidate or political committee that, in compliance with the federal foreign agents registration act, the corporation's ownership comprises less than fifty percent foreign nationals.

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**SSB 5607**

<b>Education</b>	H Approps	Braun	Neutral
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Concerning education.

*Sponsors:* Braun (Prime), Angel, Becker, Brown, Fain, Honeyford, King, Miloscia, Rivers, Schoesler, Sheldon, Warnick, Wilson, Zeiger

*Summary:* Revises education provisions with regard to: The weighted per pupil funding model; local effort levy; local excess levy authority for calendar year 2020 and thereafter; providing a one-year delay in the levy lid reduction; compensation and salary; housing allowance; national board for professional teaching standards bonus; state-funded extended year contracts; health care benefits; measures of a school district's success; accountability through improved accounting transparency; providing flexibility to school districts; recognizing school districts meeting the performance targets; addressing school districts not meeting the performance targets; establishing the top teacher recognition grant program; conforming future collective bargaining agreements to this act; prohibiting teacher strikes; student absenteeism; paraeducators; technical amendments to align statutes with the per pupil funding distribution model and recognizing and rewarding school districts that meet the measures of success; education sector excellence assessment framework; and authority to remove teachers that are detrimental to student academic performance. Provides for submission of this act to a vote of the people.

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**Production-based comp. wages**

H Labor &  
Workpla

Hawkins

Neutral

Addressing the payment of production-based compensation wages for the employment and use of labor in agricultural activities and in the production, handling, and storage of farm products.

*Sponsors:* Hawkins (Prime), Baumgartner, Brown, Hobbs, King, Schoesler, Sheldon, Takko

[ESB 5720](#)  
(HB 2049)

*Summary:* SB 5720 - DIGEST Addresses production-based safe harbor compensation which is a wage rate paid to employees in connection with work related to the growing, production, handling, or storage of farm products or in performing agricultural activities based upon the employee's job performance as measured through the number of: (1) Units picked, packed, or manufactured; (2) Tasks performed; (3) Events completed; or (4) Other measurable recurring circumstances produced, completed, or performed.

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**Tax exemptions & deductions**

S Ways & Means

Hasegawa

Neutral

Repealing certain tax exemptions and deductions to help pay for the full funding of basic education.

*Sponsors:* Hasegawa (Prime)

[SB 5765](#)

*Summary:* Repeals certain tax exemptions and deductions for international banking facilities and professional employer organizations to help pay for the full funding of basic education.

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**Tax preferences repeal**

S Ways & Means

Chase

Neutral

Repealing existing tax preferences.

*Sponsors:* Chase (Prime)

[SB 5775](#)

*Summary:* Repeals the state's tax preferences.

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**Fertilizer, etc./B&O tax**

S Ways & Means

Walsh

Neutral

Creating a business and occupation tax exemption for certain sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed.

*Sponsors:* Walsh (Prime), Hobbs, Schoesler, Takko, Warnick

[SB 5786](#)  
(HB 1916)

*Summary:* Provides a business and occupation tax exemption for wholesale sales of commercial fertilizer, agricultural crop protection products, and seed by an eligible distributor to an eligible retailer.

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**Food flavor products tax** S Ways & Means Ranker Neutral  
Removing the expiration date from the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food.

[SB 5799](#)  
(HB 2089)

*Sponsors:* Ranker (Prime), Braun, Keiser

*Summary:* Extends the July 1, 2017, expiration, of the sales and use tax exemptions for certain products that impart flavor to food, to January 1, 2028.

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**Agritourism** H Judiciary Warnick Neutral  
Concerning agritourism.

[ESSB 5808](#)

*Sponsors:* Warnick (Prime), Bailey, Becker, Brown, Chase, Short, Walsh

*Summary:* Requires an agritourism professional to post and maintain warning signs that contain a specific notice which must be placed at the entrance to an agritourism location and at the site of an agritourism activity. Provides immunity from liability for the injury, loss, damage, or death of a participant, engaging in an agritourism activity, resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of agritourism activities.

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**Paid family leave** S Ways & Means Fain Neutral  
Addressing paid family leave.

[SB 5829](#)

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Conway, Hunt, Keiser

*Summary:* Addresses the provision of paid family leave for the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster care with an employee and for a qualifying exigency under the federal family and medical leave act.

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**Equal pay act enforcement** S Rules 2 Fain Neutral  
Enhancing enforcement of the equal pay act.

[SB 5836](#)

*Sponsors:* Fain (Prime), Baumgartner, Braun, Cleveland, Conway, Hasegawa, Hunt, Keiser, Saldaña

*Summary:* Updates the existing state equal pay act to reflect the equal status of workers in the state and requires men and women in the same job to be compensated as equals.

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**Railroad employee work hours** S Transportation Rivers Neutral  
Concerning hours of service for certain railroad employees.

[SB 5845](#)

*Sponsors:* Rivers (Prime), Angel, Bailey, Billig, Carlyle, Chase, Cleveland, Conway, Darneille, Fortunato, Frockt, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Hunt, Keiser, Kuderer, Liias, McCoy, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban, Palumbo, Pearson, Pedersen, Ranker, Rolfes, Saldaña, Takko, Warnick, Wellman, Wilson, Zeiger

*Summary:* Regulates the hours of service for yardmasters.

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**Crew size on certain trains** S Transportation Walsh Neutral  
Establishing minimum crew size on certain trains.

[SB 5846](#)  
(HB 1669)

